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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Intelligence

SUBJECT: Biographic Intelligence

1. Forwarded herewith is a staff study which recommends that CIA's Biographic Register cease processing data on political, cultural, and sociological personalities, and that CIA extend financial support to State in sufficient amount to enable it to provide all services on such data required by CIA.

2. AD/RS and AD/SI support the proposal.

3. AD/OD and AD/CI dissent from the proposal.

4. AD/NS and AD/ICS state that their offices would be unaffected one way or the other.

5. DD/P, the Comptroller, and AD/DO express reservations about the proposal which, in the view of OIC, could be satisfactorily resolved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

6. It is recommended that DD/I render a decision since AD/IC is unable to obtain complete agreement within the Agency. After full consideration of the evidence and views of the various offices attached herewith, AD/IC does not believe there is reason to alter the basic paper.

7. If your decision is unfavorable to the proposal, it is recommended that AD/IC be instructed to inform the Department of State informally that the Agency has considered this question and has made a decision to continue biographic intelligence as it has in the past.

8. If your decision is favorable to the proposal and after the Director's letter has been sent and a favorable reply been received, it is recommended that OIC arrange for the transfer of this function, working closely with the Comptroller's Office, CIA, and AD/OD.

JAMES G. HENRY

Indorsement:

I concur in the recommendations above. If the policy is approved, I suggest that the attached memorandum from DD/I to AD/IC, AD/OD, and the Comptroller be signed and dispatched. OIC will give every assistance to OIC, in the event of approval, but it should not be held accountable for the successful implementation of a proposal which it considers basically unsound.

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